



2026 SPRING SERIES

INFORMATION PACK

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Definitions

“Club” means a non-profit incorporated or incorporated body which has an interest in netball and is affiliated with the Association.

“Constitution” means the joint agreement of the Association as amended from time to time.

“CVNA” means the Central Victorian Netball Association

“Entity Team” is a team which is not affiliated with a governing club in the competition.

“Member” is a person who pays a membership fee to the Association.

“NV” means Netball Victoria

“Regulations” means the Competition Regulations of the Association as amended from time to time.

“Information Pack” means the Competition Information pack

Acknowledgement of Country

The Central Victorian Netball Association (CVNA) respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of all the lands and waters that make up Central Victoria. We are proud to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we train and play. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and future.

Commitment to Child Safety

Every person in the netball community has a responsibility to understand their role in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people in our care. Central Victoria Netball Association is committed to promoting and protecting the rights of children and preventing abuse from occurring by fostering a culture where children feel safe and empowered. We also seek to ensure the cultural safety of First Nations children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with a disability.

Competition Information pack

This information pack details operating procedures or rules specific to this competition and should be read in conjunction with the CVNA Competition regulations*.

The Association's competition regulations provide the operating procedures (rules) that determine the conduct of the Association and its members during all competitions administered under the Central Victoria Netball Association.

A copy of the CVNA Competition regulations can be found on the CVNA website – [competition regulations](#).

Where there is a conflict between the regulations and the Competition Information Pack, the Competition Information Pack will take precedence. Where the Competition Information Pack is silent on a matter, the regulations shall apply.

The Association reserves the right to amend or introduce specific rules or regulations from time to time to support the objectives of maximum participation, inclusion, fairness, and the overall integrity of the competition.

Policies, Procedures, Codes of Conduct

All CVNA members including affiliates, staff, board members, volunteers, spectators, parents, players, coaches and officials agree to abide by all CVNA and Netball Victoria policies, procedures and codes of conduct.

CVNA has developed the following documents:

- Extreme weather policy and procedure
- Grievance and Dispute Resolution procedure
- Grading Policy
- Photography Policy
- Social Media Policy

As an affiliated member of Netball Victoria (NV), where local policies or procedures have not been formally approved, we will adhere to the relevant policies and procedures established by Netball Victoria.

Competition

Commencing Wednesday 7 October 2026, the Spring Season will run for 10 weeks consisting of 9 rounds and 1 week of finals.

The competition will be held at the CVNA Netball courts, outside Red Energy Stadium on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Please note that the competition numbers will be capped. First in best dressed.

Team Entries

Team entry is via Netball Connect

There will be a cap on number of entries per division.

In the event of the division not being available in netball connect, please contact CVNA Admin to be added to the wait list. admin@cvna.com.au

Key Dates

Date	Details
Monday 17 th August 2026	Team Entries Open
Wednesday 16 th September 2026	Team Entries Close

Fees

All players, and umpires must have current Netball Victoria registration prior to the first game.

6. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

6.1 The Netball Victoria membership fees are set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.

(a) To be eligible to participate in Netball Victoria affiliated Association competitions or programs (including NetSetGo), as a player, coach or umpire, an individual must be a current financial Netball Victoria member. All junior, senior and all abilities players, coaches and umpires must register through the appropriate online registration form link as provided by the Association.

(b) An off-the-court membership (administrative roles e.g. Board & subcommittee) is required by those Association members that have an off-court role.

6.2 No player, coach or umpire will be permitted to participate in the Association's activities in any capacity without a current Netball Victoria membership.

6.3 Any breach of this regulation may result in the players team being subject to a penalty of the loss of four (4) premiership points.

Competition Fees

Team fees cover the provision of umpires for all games, venue costs and administration overheads.

\$600 per team.

This fee is payable in full in Netball Connect by the adult registering the team.

Netball Victoria registration fees

If a player has **not** registered with Netball Victoria for the year, they will need to purchase a **Short Season VNA - \$15**. Payment in full is required prior to taking the court.

Divisions and Sections

The following divisions and sections are proposed.

All divisions are competitive.

As per the regulations the Association reserves the right to add and/or remove divisions and/or sections to suit the season's competition.

As a guide for primary teams – Teams that have players from a mix of grades should register the team in the division where majority of players come from.

18 and Under

Division	Section(s)	Gender(s)/Comp	Age requirements
18/U	A, B, etc	Mixed Female	Recommended to be 12 years of age on the first day of competition. Must not turn 19 during the year of competition.
18/U	TBA	Male	Must be a minimum of 13 years of age on the first day of competition. Must not turn 19 during the year of competition

15 and Under

Division	Section(s)	Gender(s)	Age Requirements
15/U	A, B, etc	Mixed Female	Recommended to be 12 years of age on the first day of competition. Must not turn 16 during the year of competition.

13 and Under

Division	Section(s)	Gender(s)	Age Requirements
13/U	A, B, etc	Mixed	Recommended to be 11 years of age on the first day of competition. Must not turn 14 during the year of competition.
Grade 2/3	A, B, etc	Mixed	Must be a minimum 7 years of age on the first day of competition. Must not be in Year 7.
Grade 3/4	A, B, etc		
Grade 4/5	A, B, etc		
Grade 5/6	A, B, etc		

18 and Over

Division	Section(s)	Gender(s)	Age Requirements
18 & over	A, B, etc	Mixed	Recommended to be 16 years of age on the first day of competition.

Exemptions for age limits will be accepted by the Board who have the right to grant or decline exemption requests.

Male Participation in Mixed and 13U

The Association observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation regarding male participation: Males who are 13 years of age (and older) are not permitted to participate in a female competition. To avoid any doubt:

- males must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the Competition, season or program; and
- males that turn 13 during that competition season or program will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition season or program.

Where competitions are offered up to and including the 13&U age group

- there can be no restrictions applied based on gender.

For mixed competitions above the 13&U age group:

- The minimum number of males in a mixed team is zero, and
- A mixed team must only have a maximum of 3 males on court at any one time; and
- A mixed team must only have up to one male in each third on court at any one time.

For the avoidance of doubt this means:

- a) one male is permitted in the defence third occupying the position of goal defence or goalkeeper, and
- b) one male is permitted in the mid third occupying the position of centre, wing attack or wing defence, and
- c) one male is permitted in the goal third occupying the position of goal attack or goal shooter.

Male Competition

The male competition will be defined following close of expression of interest.

As this is a new offering the intention is to provide flexibility in the format of this division to enable as many males to participate each round as possible.

Further details to be defined with key stakeholders and expressions of interest registered.

Game days and times

The following information is provided as a guide only. While competition days are unlikely to change, start and finish times will depend on the number of teams entered in each division / section.

*Female and Male only competition will be scheduled on different timeslots than Mixed competition to enable participation in both.

Division / Section	Day	Approximate Start / Finish time
18/Over Mixed	Wednesday	5:30pm – 9:10pm
18/Under Female Mixed	Wednesday Thursday	5:30pm – 9:10pm
15/Under All sections	Thursday	5:30pm – 9:10pm
13/Under All sections	Thursday	5:30pm – 9:10pm
Grade 2/3 – Grade 5/6	Wednesday	5:30pm – 9:10pm
18/Under Male	Thursday	5:30pm – 9:10pm

Grading

Grading is undertaken during the first two weeks of games and will be completed using scores only.

Extreme Weather

For the CVNA Extreme Weather Policy and Procedure – refer to the CVNA website – [Extreme Weather Policy](#).

Teams will be provided with as much notice as practicable if games are to be delayed, or cancelled due to extreme weather (heat, thunderstorms, fire danger or air quality). Notifications will be sent to Netball Connect comms, emails and if possible social media.

Clearances

Age groups above primary are permitted to register and play for **two** teams within the CVNA spring competition, if the player meets the age requirements.

These teams can be within the same division but not the same competition/gender.

Examples:

#	Scenario – one player entering in 2 competitions (and meets the age requirements):	Permitted/ not permitted
1	15U female and 15U mixed	Permitted
2	15U female section A and 15U female section B	Not permitted
3	18U male and 15U mixed	Permitted
4	13U mixed and 15U female	Permitted
5	18U mixed section A and 18U mixed section B	Not Permitted
6	Primary 5/6 and 13U mixed	Not Permitted

Fill ins

Must have a netball Victoria membership, must be written on the scoresheet.

Can fill in, in the same competition as registered as a team member, as long as the 'fill up' rule is applied.

Can fill across mixed and female competitions in the same division/section.

Can fill up divisions/sections but not down.

Order of seniority is by age group:

- 18/O open mixed
- 18/U female/mixed/male*
- 15/U female/mixed
- 13/U mixed
- Primary:
 - 5/6
 - 4/5
 - 3/4
 - 2/3

*Males playing in the 18/U Male comp may also play in 15U Mixed if they meet the age requirements. Otherwise, standard fill in rules apply.

Examples:

#	Scenarios – player can fill in for a different competition, or up a division/section, not down (and meets the age requirements):	Permitted/ not permitted
1	Player registered to 15U female, fill in for 15U mixed	Permitted
2	Player registered to 15U Section B female, fill in for 15U Section A female	Permitted
3	Player registered to Male comp, fill in for 18U mixed	Permitted
4	Player aged 11, registered in 13U comp, fill in for 18U female	Not Permitted
5	Player registered Grade 4/5, fill in for Grade 5/6	Permitted
6	Player registered 18U female, fill in for 15U female	Not Permitted

Conduct of Games

All divisions will play 4 x 10-minute quarters with 2 minutes between quarters 1 and 2; 3 and 4; and 3 minutes between quarters 2 and 3.

Extra time will not be played in the event of a drawn game during the rounds.

Game Officials

A team must have a minimum of Primary Carer and Scorer.

The Primary Carer must be off court, that is not playing and can't be the scorer.

Finals

To qualify to play finals a player must have played four (4) games for that team (this includes grading rounds).

All divisions will play finals. Please note that game times may be different during finals.

At the end of the rounds the top two teams will participate in finals.

Finals - Team 1 v Team 2

Game time

4 x 10-minute quarters with 1 minute between quarters 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and 3 minutes between quarters 2 and 3.

Extra time

If scores are level at the end of the game:

- An interval of 5 minutes at the end of full-time will be provided.
- Extra time will consist of 2 x 5-minute halves with a 1-minute interval between halves.
- Teams will change ends at half-time.
- The first centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
- In the event the scores remain tied at the end of extra time there will be a 1-minute interval.
- Teams will change ends.
- The centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
- The game will continue* until one team leads by two goals.

*If deemed necessary the Board may provide further breaks to ensure player/umpire safety.

Contacts

General information, exemptions – email admin@cvna.com.au.

Child safety – email childsafety@cvna.com.au or if in relation to the child safety officer send to chair@cvna.com.au. If a child is in immediate danger call 000.

Grievances – complete the [complaints form](#) and send to admin@cvna.com.au or if in relation to the administrative officer send to chair@cvna.com.au

Calendar

Round	Dates	Notes
1	Wed 7 th & Thu 8 th October	Grading
2	Wed 14 th & Thu 15 th October	Grading
Please note: Games will be played as normal on Bendigo Cup.		
3	Wed 21 st & Thu 22 nd October	
4	Wed 28 th & Thu 29 th October	
5	Wed 4 th & Thu 5 th November	
6	Wed 11 th & Thu 12 th November	
7	Wed 18 th & Thu 19 th November	
8	Wed 25 th & Thu 26 th November	
9	Wed 2 nd & Thu 3 rd December	
Grand Final	Wed 9 th & Thu 10 th December	Top 2 teams in each section.